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New Guide Available for Country of Origin Labeling Standard

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Report Highlights:

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From June 8, 2006, all unpackaged fresh and processed fruit, vegetables, nuts and seafood must be labeled with the country of origin, including Australia. From December this year unpackaged fresh and processed pork products must also be labeled with their country of origin, and the changes to packaged foods must be completed by December 2007 (see reports AS5038 & AS5048).

FSANZ is currently carrying out an assessment of the merit of extending country of origin labeling to two or less fruit or vegetable whole-food components packaged together, including where other incidental ingredients were included (see report AS6011).

The new Country of Origin Labeling of Food Guide is available on the FSANZ website at: http://www.foodstandards.gov.au/srcfiles/CoOL_1st%20Edn-PRINT_with_cover.pdf

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